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- All tickets and reservations for us were arranged by Intourist, the trip from Baku to Tiflis being part of our itinerary approved by Soviet officials. We originally were scheduled to depart from Baku in early afternoon on 4 Oct 55 but due to a change in train schedules we were delayed and actually departed on a later train which had better accommodations. Departing from Baku at about six o'clock, we traveled south at a speed of 25-30 mph, reaching the Caspian Sea before dark. After stopping at Almaty, our direction of travel changed from south to west. At 7:10 o'clock exactly ten minutes after leaving Almaty and 15 or 20 minutes before our arrival at Adzhikabul (Kazi-Mogomed) one of the party who was in an adjoining compartment rushed in and exclaimed "I saw it! I just saw a flying saucer!" We had been talking and had not looked outside for some time. When we turned our attention to the window, we did not see anything unusual as the light was on in the compartment and it was twilight outside.
- We turned the light off as quickly as possible. At this time, I saw a shadowy form above the horizon to the south. Its profile was not clearly outlined against the sky but appeared to be shaped like a partially deflated balloon with a slight dome on top. When I first saw it, it was off the ground and rising rather slowly in a vertical direction. There were two sources of light connected with the object, a white light on top and on the perimeter, a glow which was about the same color as an aircraft engine exhaust, white with a trace of pink. I have no estimate of its distance from us, possibly 1-2 miles. From this perspective it appeared to be about the size of a MIG-15 which is rather stubby for fighter aircraft. It continued to rise vertically with the glow moving slowly around the perimeter in a clockwise direction giving the appearance of a pinwheel. When it reached an altitude of 10-15 degrees from the horizon, the spinning stopped, the glow remaining fixed on the side away from us, and it then moved toward us at tremendous speed passing over the train. I would estimate that it was much faster than a jet plane doing a fly-by. The light on top disappeared as it came toward us. The object did not seem to change size to any great extent as it came toward us. My viewing position at the window, incidentally, was approximately six feet above the level of the railroad track. I am six feet tall and I remember that once while standing beside the train my head came up to the bottom of the window. When I was viewing the object I was in a stooped position and was looking out of the bottom of the window.

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I think his action was not connected with our observation, otherwise he would have expressed concern. Possibly he had been instructed to enter the blinds at an earlier time and had forgotten to do so. Later, in a casual way I mentioned to him about the size of the last train we had passed having to leave the name of it, but he made only a noncommittal reply. I did not then mention the unusual object we had seen. I judge that our train arrived at Ashland (Maine-Quebec) about 40 minutes after we sighted the flying object. We arrived at Berlin on schedule the next day so I assume that we were on schedule at the time of our sighting.

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